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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA FROM THE SECRETARY.
2. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON OCTOBER 2, I WROTE TO SHARE WITH YOU MY THOUGHTS ON HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT.
3. SINCE THAT TIME, I HAVE CONTINUED MY CONSULTATIONS ON NAMIBIA AND WOULD LIKE TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON WHERE MATTERS STAND. YOU KNOW FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS IN LUSAKA THE CONTENTS OF A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT. I REVIEWED THE FRAMEWORK IN DETAIL WITH YOUR FORIEIGN MINISTER WHEN WE MET IN NEW YORK. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN EVERYTHING I DESCRIBED TO YOU AND HIM. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED ME THAT IT IS PREPARED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WINDHOEK

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CONFERENCE SENDS ONLY A REPRESENTATIVE DELEGATION TO

GENEVA. I CONSIDER THIS CONCESSION OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL NOT BE AN EXTENSION OF WINDHOEK. INSTEAD, THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL BE AN ENTIRELY NEW FORUM. SWAMPO'S CONCERN THAT ITS VOICE WOULD BE LOST IN THE LARGE WINDHOEK ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN EFFECTIVELY ANSWERED.

4. FOR YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION, I NOW BELIEVE THAT ONCE THE GENEVA TALKS ARE AGREED UPON, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN A SUBSTANTIAL RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.

5. THE PRESIDENT OF SWAPO, SAM NUJOMA, SHOULD BEGIN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OTHER LEADERS OF SWAPO AND WITH YOU IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE -- IF, IN FACT, HE HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO. I REMAIN CONVINCED THAT THE SETTLEMENT WE HAVE DISCUSSED, TOGETHER WITH THE NEW FEATURES WHICH I HAVE SPELLED OUT ABOVE, OFFER A CLEAR ROAD TO A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT AND THAT COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE. WE ARE PREPARED TO USE OUR INFLUENCE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PROCESS CONTINUES IN A POSITIVE MANNER. THE DECISION IS NOW WITH SWAPO'S PRESIDENT AND HIS COLLEAGUES. IF THEY DECIDE THAT THE FRAMEWORK WHICH I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH YOU AND THEM IS SATISFACTORY, AND SO INDICATE, THEN I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO ARRANGE FOR A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.

6. IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS ON HOW TO PROCEED, I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU. I REMEMBER MY VISITS WITH YOU WITH THE GREATEST WARMTH.

7. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER

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